

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A process for the production of a worsted wool fabric, comprising shielding a single wool yarn by wrapping a water soluble polymeric material filament around the yarn and in the same direction, to form a combined yarn, weaving the combined yarn and subsequently separating the shielding polymer polymeric material from the wool by dissolving in water.

2. (Original) A process according to claim 1, wherein the single wool yarn is dyed prior to weaving.

3. (Currently amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein he said wool fiber is roving.

4. (Currently amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the polymeric filament ~~polymeric material is~~ comprises a synthetic polymer.

5. (Currently amended) A process according to claim 4, wherein the polymeric filament ~~polymeric material is~~ a polyhydric alcohol (polyol).

6. (Currently amended) A process according to claim 5, wherein the polymeric filament ~~polymeric material~~ is selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl alcohols, and copolymers of polyvinyl alcohols.

7. (Original) A process according to claim 6, wherein the polyvinyl alcohol is water-soluble.

8. (Currently amended) A process according to claim 4, wherein the polymer ~~polymeric material~~ is selected from the

group consisting of copolymers of acrylonitrile, acrylic acid, meta-acrylic acid and esters of these acids.

9. (Currently amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the polymer ~~polymeric material~~ is a naturally occurring polymer.

10. (Previously amended) A process according to claim 9, wherein the polymer is a cellulosic derivative.

11. (Currently amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the polymer ~~polymeric material~~ is a continuous filament.

12. (Original) A process according to claim 1, wherein the wool diameter is from 17 to 21 microns.

13. (Currently amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the polymeric ~~material~~ filament is wound or spun together with a core ~~or~~ of the wool yarn in a helicoidal fashion.

14. (Original) A process according to claim 13, wherein the winding is by an assembly winding.

15. (Original) A process according to claim 13, wherein the spinning is by bi-component process.

16. (Cancelled).

17. (Cancelled).

18. (Currently amended) A process according to claim ~~17~~ 1, wherein the process is carried out at a temperature range between 75-95°C.

19. (Original) A process according to claim 1, wherein a steaming step is applied to the combined yarn prior to weaving.

20. (Currently amended) A process according to claim 2 1, wherein the polymeric filament ~~polymeric material~~ is removed from the wool prior to dyeing, thereby leaving a fabric made essentially solely of wool.

21. (Currently amended) A process according to claim 2, wherein the polymeric filament ~~polymeric material~~ is removed from the wool after the dyeing step, thereby leaving a fabric made essentially solely of wool.

22. (Currently amended) A woven textile article, garment or a cloth, ~~whenever~~ made by the process disclosed in claim 1.

23. (Withdrawn) A yarn comprising a wool core around which there is disposed a substantially continuous polymeric filament.

24. (Withdrawn) A yarn as claimed in claim 23, wherein the polymeric filament is wound helicoidally around the wool yarn

25. (Withdrawn) A yarn as claimed in claim 23 wherein the polymeric filament is made essentially of PVA.

26. (Currently amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the polymeric ~~material~~ filament ~~is~~ comprises a film.